

**Amendments to the Specification:**

In the Specification

Please amend the specification by inserting the paragraph below, after the title on page 1.

Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application claims priority based on International Patent Application No. PCT/FR2004/050646, entitled "Use of Siloxane-Based Polymers Or Composites In Chemical Sensors For Detecting Nitrate Compounds" by Bruno Lebre, Lionel Hairault and Eric Pasquinet, which claims priority of French Application No. 03 50984, filed on December 5, 2003, and which was not published in English.